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1. DOD INFORMS US FORMAL INVESTIGATION OF INCIDENT CONTINUES. PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS POINT TO AIRCREW ERROR, BUT THE ACTUAL CAUSE OF THE INCIDENT HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED. EQUIPMENT MALFUNCTION IS ALSO POSSIBILITY. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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2. POSSIBILITY OF ACTUAL INTRUSION INTO YUGOSLAV AIR-SPACE NOW APPEARS UNLIKELY BUT CANNOT BE RULED OUT. BASED ON OUR PLOTTING OF REPORTED RADAR TRACKING, AIRCRAFT APPARENTLY CROSSED ALBANIA IN DIRECT LINE EAST FROM BRINDISI AND PENETRATED APPROXIMATELY 18 NAUTICAL MILES INTO GREEK AIRSPACE. IT RETURNED ON ROUGHLY THE

SAME COURSE.

- 3. A TRANSIT OF YUGOSLAV AIRSPACE WOULD HAVE REQUIRED A 20-MILE CIRCLE TO THE NORTH WHEN THE PILOT REVERSED HIS COURSE. A TIGHTER TURN OR A CIRCLE TO THE SOUTH WOULD HAVE AVOIDED YUGOSLAVIA, BUT DETAILS ON HIS ACTUAL MANEUVER ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE.
- 4. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S QUICK RESPONSE. WILL ADVISE. VANCE

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